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Attorney Docket No.: DIVER1260-3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jay M. Short Art Unit: 1652  
Application No.: 09/421,629 Examiner: N. T. Nashed  
Filed: October 19, 1999 Confirmation No.: 4408  
Title: PROTEIN ACTIVITY SCREENING

MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

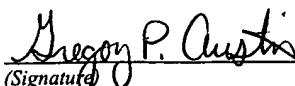
This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2003.

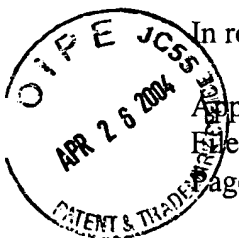
The requested extension is for One (1) Month, extending the period for response from March 24, 2004 to April 24, 2004.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, April 23, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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Applicant claims **SMALL ENTITY** status in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.

Enclosed is Check No. 557977 in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the One (1) Month extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 23, 2004

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